(*c*) whether two persons engaged in concrete work in the Paillvassal tunnel died of electric shock from the current discharged by the wires used for lighting the tunnel and whether many others became senseless as a result of the same ; and

(*d*) how many persons have died of electric shock till now since the last Budget Session?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Two died and two others got slight injuries due to electric shock.

(*d*) Three.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : മൂന്നുപേർ മരിച്ചു എന്നു കാണുന്നു. ഇതിലേക്കു ഉത്തരം തയ്യാറാക്കിയതു എന്നാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai ; ഇലക്ട്രിക്കൽ എഞ്ചിനീയരുടെ ലാറ്റർകിട്ടിയതു് ജൂലൈ ഫർ-ന്ത-യാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ആ തീയതിക്കുമുമ്പു് തയ്യാറാക്കിയതായിരിക്കണം.

Lands left fallow during the Kanni crop of 1111.

100. ***Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether lands were left completely fallow during the Kanni crop of 1111 in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram ;

(*b*) if so, the reason for the same ;

(*c*) the extent of such lands ;

(*d*) whether they published any proceedings restricting the area of cultivation for the Kanni crop of 1111 within the commanded area of the Kodayar project ;

(*e*) whether the Government called for reports relating to the fallow lands for the Kanni crop of 1111 in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram ; and

(*f*) if so, whether they will lay on the table a copy of the reports ?

Mr K. N. Kesava Pillai : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Owing to scarcity of rainfall and the non-supply of water from the Kodayar Reservoir.

(*c*) Roughly 1814·63 acres in the Tovala taluk and 9566 37 acres in the Agastisvaram taluk.

(*d*) No. But owing to shortage of water in the reservoir, a Press Communique was issued by Government to the effect that the Left Bank Channel will be opened after 18-10-1110 to let water into tanks only for supply to Ayacut lands already cultivated in order to save the crops already sown.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No. The reports are confidential.

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Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: In answer to (*b*) may I know whether by the Press Communique lands which were not already cultivated were prohibited from cultivation ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: There was no such prohibition.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: With regard to lands that were already cultivated, may I know whether any prohibition was ordered by the Press Communique ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: No.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know, which was the time for raising cultivation for Kanni crop of 1111 ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: From the 15th Medam to 15th Edavam.

Mr. V. S Arumukham Pillai: May I know whether the level of the reservoir rose between that period ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: No.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know when were the reports received ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: About a month ago.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know the exact date ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: 28-7-1936.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: From whom were the reports received ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: From the Land Revenue Commissioner, The Chief Engineer also was consulted.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: Was any report received from the Public Works Department ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: Chief Engineer means the Public Works Department.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know whether the Commissioner addressed Government for giving remission on the basis of those reports ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: The contents of the report are confidential.

President: How did the member come to know that the Revenue Commissioner recommended for remission ?

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: All that I wanted to elicit was, whether the Commissioner has recommended for remission.

President: If the member had asked the question, what was the recommendation of the Revenue Commissioner I could have understood him. For the honourable member to get up and say on the floor of the House that he is aware of the fact that a

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particular recommendation was made by the Revenue Commissioner, I want to know how the member got that information? Moreover it is not right on the part of the member to ask such questions.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : By putting that question I merely wanted to know whether the Commissioner had recommended for remission of tax.

President : The implication of your question was entirely different. I do not want the honourable members to import personal knowledge into questions.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Are we bound to give the source of our information in regard to these matters ?

President : Inasmuch as the Government have answered that the report is confidential, when a particular member gets up and gives the contents of that, it is for the Chair to decide, how the honourable member got knowledge of the confidential report.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : Then, may I know, what are the recommendations of the Commissioner on the basis of his report ?

Mr K. N. Kesava Pillai : The recommendations are confidential.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know whether the Government have passed an order dated the 29th May 1936 denying full remission for lands that were left fallow ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai : No.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know whether orders have been issued by the Land Revenue Department for the speedy recovery of tax in the case of lands left fallow during the Kanni crop of 1111 ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai : The Government have no information.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know whether the lands that were left fallow during 1111 Kanni crop have been advertised for sale for arrears of tax ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai : The Government have no specific information.

Use of office furniture for private purposes.

101.***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have permitted the use of furniture included in office accounts by officers in their houses for their own private purposes ; and

(*b*) whether they have ascertained if the Government officers are so using the office furniture ?

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